



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am,
Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass
Daily Mass: WEDNESDAY-Friday 8:00 am
1st Tuesday of the Month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am
Simpson Masses start September

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Perpetual Adoration Wednesday from 9am to 9pm
And Friday mornings from 9:00am to noon.

ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

Liturgy of Baptism: Parents are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange for pre-baptism sessions and must be registered with the church, one sponsor must be Catholic.

Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

Prayer Chain: Our parish has a prayer chain for special intentions. Requests can be for a anyone in need.
Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-0209

Care of the Sick & Shut-ins: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick, the Eucharist or to be placed on the Prayer Chain.

Newcomers/Addresses: Register in person; call the Office for Appointment.

Change of Address: Notify the office when you change your address.

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by 4PM on Tuesday to Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

35: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33,
or, for Year A (34): Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-
11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Rodrigo Parra & Marlene Kipps
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, March 18

LENTEN WEEKDAY

251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11
No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, March 19

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Wednesday, March 20

LENTEN WEEKDAY

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Those with Parkinson's

Thursday, March 21

LENTEN WEEKDAY

254: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Richard & Beverly Krier

Friday, March 22

LENTEN WEEKDAY

255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Bill Martin

Saturday, March 23

LENTEN WEEKDAY

256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Ann Puetz

Sunday, March 24

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

37: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession)
38: Is 50:47 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Marilyn Drechsler
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m.- 1 p.m.)
Parish Office: 515-961-3026 Website: stthomasindianola.com Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA
For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Father Adam's Five

for March 15 —March 21

1. March 23 and 24 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual bake sale benefitting InnerVisions HealthCare. It is a great opportunity to get your sweets for Easter.
2. Are you interested in watching the chosen? I've set up a hotlink so you can find the watch page easily on your computer/phone. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-CHOSEN> and it'll take you right to the webpage where you can watch seasons 1-3 for free.
3. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2023 ADA campaign, we raised \$2,256 over our assessed amount and received a check from the Diocese! Our hope is to do even better this year as part of our strategy to grow our wonderful music program. For more information, take a look at the letter I sent out in February here: <http://tinyurl.com/STA-FEB24> I realize the formatting is not the best; it is a limitation of the technology. We do have a few copies on the counter of the receptionist's desk.
4. I've uploaded the last 4 homilies on blessings. You can find them on the church app by clicking the three dots for "More" and then clicking "homilies". You can also access them from a computer by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-MAIN>
5. Holy week is just around the corner. We'll text out reminders of liturgy times. If you'd like reminders, please download our app by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-APP> and following the onscreen instructions.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

- **March 28 –Holy Thursday-7PM Mass**
- **March 29-Good Friday-7PM Communion Service**
- **March 30-Easter Vigil-8PM Mass**
- **March 31 Easter Sunday– 8AM, 10:15AM, & 12 Noon Masses**

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Updated: March 8, 2024

Goal: \$76,413

Gifts Paid: \$10,315

Pledges Remaining: \$2,570

Percentage of Goal: 16 %

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



Easter Flowers

The deadline to purchase Easter memorial flowers for the Altar is Tuesday, March 26th by noon.



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Steve Garrett, Carol Bailey, Kerri O'Meara,
Carol Proctor, Mark & Helen Kollasch, Randy Swanson,
Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,
Doug Andreasen, Jean Veasman,
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandle, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at jjward71@gmail.com or
515-250-7385,

Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029
to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the
rest of the group to start immediate prayers.

We would like to offer a prayer shawl to parishioners who are
ill or in need of comfort.

The shawls were prayed over when created. Please make
your request through one of the prayer chain leaders.

Please contact Leasa Garrett (961-3026) to add a name
to the list published in the bulletin.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:



The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com. Applications are to be emailed to vandy.omeara@gmail.com or mailed to Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 7, 2024.

Gathering Table

The next Gathering Table is Monday, March 18th. We need help with main dishes, side dishes, desserts and serving. Please prayerfully consider helping in some way. Here is the sign-up link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>



Lenten Fish Fries



One Fish Fry left—**Don't miss it!**
March 22

5:30pm—7:00pm ~ Dine in or carry out
Adults: \$13.00 Children 6-12yrs: \$6.00
Children 5yrs & under: Free

HOLY MOMENTS



Holy Moments are moments in which you open yourself to God and create grace in your life,

This week's Holy Moment Focus:
Pick something routine and do it to the best of your ability

8th Grade



Service Night



8th graders made breakfast casseroles for the Salvation Army and participated in a "hunger banquet" — the few from wealthy countries had more than enough good food to eat and drink. The two from Haiti and Sudan representing 10% of the world's population received a half Dixie cup of rice, a half cup of water, no spoon and sat on the floor.



Creation Care Corner

Plunge a water bottle, a full one, in the toilet tank. It will move water which will result in a low flow design which will save water as you flush.



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